

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
U.S. Appln. No.: 09/500,446  
Attorney Docket No.: Q57866

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has not indicated whether the formal drawings submitted May 18, 2000, have been accepted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge such an acceptance in the next PTO communication.

In the present Amendment, claims 6, 7 and 9-11 have been canceled.

No new matter has been added and entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested. Upon entry of the Amendment, claims 1-5 will be all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-5 are allowed.

In Paragraph No. 3 of the Office Action, claims 6 and 10-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nitto Denko Corp. in view of Johnson et al and further in view of Ehrenberg et al. Further, in Paragraph No. 6 of the Office Action, claims 7 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nitto Denko Corp. in view of Johnson et al and Ehrenberg et al, and further in view of Hartman et al.

Applicants respectfully submit that the grounds of rejection lack merit. However, for purposes of advancing prosecution, claims 6, 7 and 9-11 are cancelled herein. Therefore, these rejections are moot, because claims 6, 7 and 9-11 have been canceled.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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